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VOTE FOR THE NEXT “ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO” SELECTION
The Community Helps Decide Which of Three Great Books to Read

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library and KPBS launch the 6th annual *One Book, One San Diego*, a project to cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in San Diego by bringing our diverse city together around one monumental book. Once again, San Diegans are invited to join the book discussion from the very beginning by voting for the next *One Book* selection.

Included with the vote this year is an anonymous survey to gather pertinent information and future book suggestions from the public. Selected by a committee including teachers, librarians and community members, there are three great books from which to choose. Please vote by going to the website of either KPBS (www.kpbs.org/one-book/) or the San Diego Public Library (www.sandiegolibrary.org).

Voting for the following book titles ends on Monday, August 5, 2011.

- **Moloka'i** by Alan Brennert
The story follows Rachel, a spirited seven-year old who dreams of visiting far-off lands like her father, a merchant seaman. Then one day a rose-colored mark appears on her skin, and those dreams are stolen from her. Taken from her home and family, Rachel is sent to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka'i. Here her life is supposed to end, but instead she discovers it is only just the beginning.
- **Sky of Red Poppies** by Zoe Ghahremani
The book is the extraordinary tale of friendship between two girls as they come of age in politically charged 1960's Iran under the rule of the Shah. Together, they contend with becoming the women they want to be, and in doing so, will cause their tragic undoing. Based on a true story against the backdrop of a nation forced to mute its profound identity, this poetic and thought-provoking story is about culture, politics and the redeeming power of friendships.
- **Into the Beautiful North** by Luis Alberto Urrea
A book that tells the story of Nayeli, a young taco shop worker living in the Mexican village of Tres Camarones. Upon realizing that nearly all the men from her town have moved North, Nayeli and three of her friends travel to America in hopes of finding men to bring back to Mexico. The central characters encounter surprises along the way, in this funny yet powerful tale of their journey.

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KPBS and the San Diego Public Library, launched *One Book, One San Diego*, a campaign designed to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to our community, while promoting reading as a source of pleasure and enrichment. .

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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